

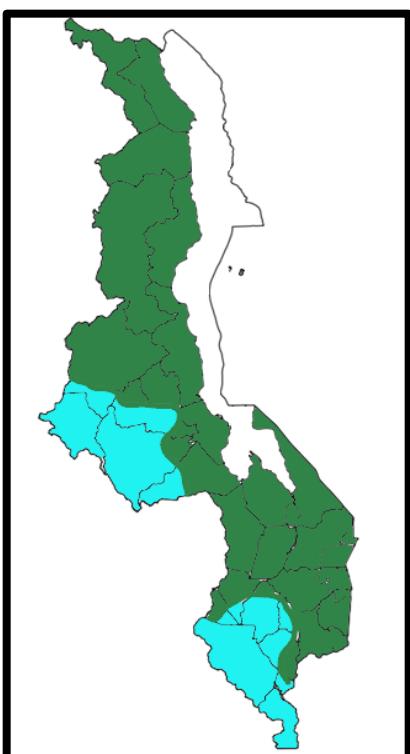


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AIR QUALITY FORECAST BULLETIN

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1. Expected Air Quality Distribution Map



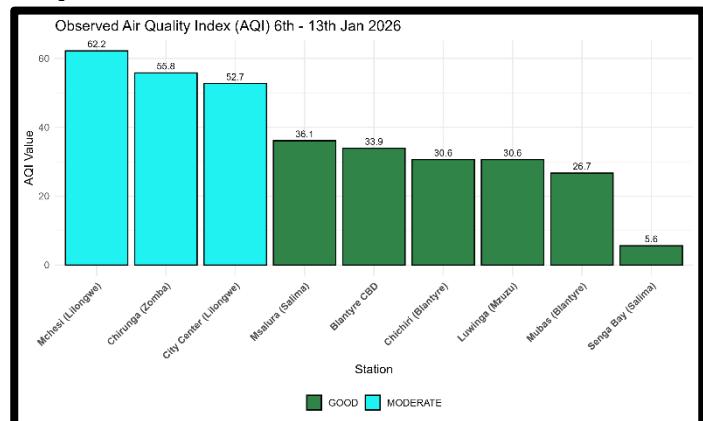
Please refer to the [AQI Levels table 4](#) below for the interpretation of the colors.

2. Forecast Summary

Good air quality is expected over most areas with an exception to areas around Lilongwe and Blantyre where moderate conditions are expected. The UV radiation is expected to range from very high to extreme across the country.

3. Observed Air Quality Index

The observed average air quality index (AQI) during the past week were as follows;



Contributor of the observed data is MUBAS Air Quality with funding from University of Chicago EPIC Air Quality Fund

4. Expected Sources of Pollution

- Vehicle and factory emissions.

5. Air Quality Index (AQI) Levels Explained

| AQI Color | Level of Concern | Value of Index | Description of Air Quality |
|-----------|--------------------------------|----------------|---|
| Green | GOOD | 0 to 50 | Air quality is satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk. |
| Aqua Blue | MODERATE | 51 to 100 | Air quality is acceptable. However, there may be a risk for some people, particularly those sensitive to pollution. |
| Yellow | UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS | 101 to 150 | Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is less likely to be affected. |
| Orange | UNHEALTHY | 151 to 200 | Some of the general public may experience health effects; sensitive groups may experience more serious effects. |
| Red | DANGEROUS | At least 201 | Health Alert: The risk of health effects is increased for everyone. |

6. Public Advice and Recommendations

- Promote vegetation cover/tree planting during this rainfall season to improve air quality.

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